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## Insight Vietnamese, Chinese face showdown

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NEW YORK — The Chinese and Vietnamese armies appeared to be moving toward their first major battle of the war Wednesday.

The Chinese Army sent two divisions southwestward along the coastal plain, with a third division in reserve. The Vietnamese began moving reinforcements, including heavy artillery, to the battle raging around Lang Son.

The Chinese divisions could swing inland to attack the rear of the Vietnamese forces fighting around Lang Son, or they could push to the southwest, threatening the port of Haiphong.

No clear evidence is available to analysts of an imminent Chinese slowdown or withdrawal. Military opinion increasingly foresees a protracted struggle, which might increase the chance of Soviet intervention. According to diplomatic sources, the Soviet Union's East European allies believe that the Russians may intervene, possibly in a bombing or naval bombardment of Chinese ports.

Although there are no signs of movement reported of Soviet air and ground forces in Siberia, the Soviet Pacific fleet is reinforcing its squadron in the South China Sea.

A Sverdlov-class cruiser and Krivak-class destroyer were spotted by Japanese reconnaissance planes moving south through Tsushima Strait toward the East China Sea. The expectation is that the two ships will join the squadron in the South China Sea. This squadron includes a Kresta-class cruiser and a destroyer.

The 16,000-ton (14,400-metric-ton) Sverdlovs are the largest surface combatants in the Soviet Navy. They have been rearmored with launchers for surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles.

The Chinese-Vietnamese fighting on (See ANALYSTS, Page 10A)

## Landlord must pay \$100 fine

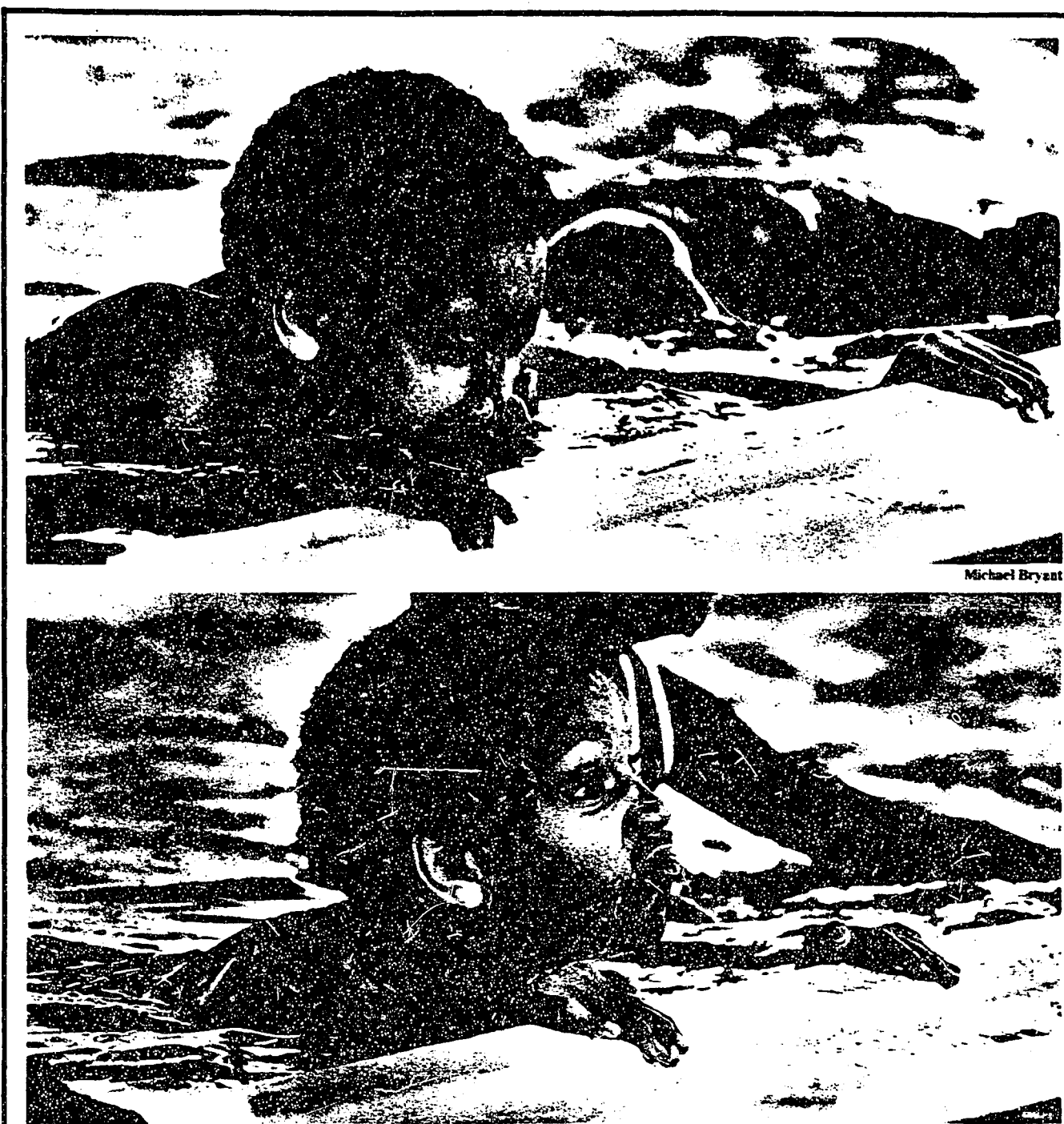
By B.J. Martin  
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Columbia landlord Dick Hitt was fined \$100 in Municipal Court Wednesday for housing code violations at his Eugenia Street duplex, which he had rented until recently to two elderly women.

Hitt has been hounded by a series of charges and fines that began Oct. 24, when he refused to apply for inspection of his duplex. Under the Rental Unit Conservation Law, more than six months old, rental property owners are required to pay for an inspection by the Public Works Department, and must get a certificate of compliance with Columbia's minimum housing standards code.

Hitt was charged Dec. 18 with violating that law. Later that month, he said he was "not too thrilled about this whole damn thing. It's an old duplex and they're going to condemn it

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Mark Jones grimaces while trying to get water out of his nose

## 4th graders splash for safety

By Diana Caya  
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On these freezing winter days, you might be surprised to find the fourth graders from Benton Elementary School splashing and swimming in the Hickman pool.

It may be a strange time of year for swimming lessons, but delay can mean the difference between life and death.

The children are learning how to survive in water.

They are participating in a 10-day swim program that will teach them and all other fourth-graders in Columbia the basic survival techniques of swimming.

"The water is so much a part of the environment that the kids have to learn how to be safe in it," said John Hamilton, physical education instructor.

A staff of four teachers handles an average of 55 students who come each day from Columbia's elementary schools to the heated pool at Hickman High School.

"This is my first time swimming," boasted Mark Jones as he wiped the water from his eyes. "I learned how to put my face underwater. My mom is going to come and look at me swim someday."

The program serves more than 770 students a year, says teacher Audrey Spieler. The children are bused to and

from the pool daily.

The program follows the basic Red Cross curriculum. The children are divided into four groups — beginning, advanced beginning, intermediate and swimmers.

On the average, about one-half of the students who come to the program pass "beginning swimming" after completing the program. This means that the student must be able to swim 20 yards (18 meters) of the crawl stroke and 10 yards (9 meters) on his back as well as handle himself successfully in deep water.

Some of the students have had very little contact with the water and are

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## China renews military drive into Vietnam

From our wire services

Tens of thousands of Vietnamese and Chinese troops backed by heavy artillery were on the move Wednesday toward the Vietnamese town of Lang Son and what could be the showdown battle of the five-day-old border war, intelligence sources in Bangkok, Thailand, reported.

The sources said Chinese strategists apparently intend to deal a final bloody blow to the Vietnamese military and then to withdraw most of their forces from Vietnam within three or four days.

Vietnam has begun moving up large numbers of reinforcements, including some regular units that had been held in reserve, analysts in Hong Kong said Wednesday.

Vietnam's commitment of at least some of its regular main force divisions, which had been kept back to guard Hanoi, marked a significant turn in the five-day-old fighting, the analysts said.

For if, as appears likely, China's purpose in launching its original attack last Saturday was to "punish" Vietnam and establish Peking's credibility in the eyes of Hanoi and Moscow, it could not do so unless it drew in regular Vietnamese troops and inflicted losses on them. In the first few days of battle the Chinese had advanced up to 10 miles (16 kilometers) inside Vietnam, but only against Vietnamese regional forces and militia units who had been assigned to guard the frontier.

That initial success therefore may have seemed insufficient to Peking to accomplish its goal and necessitated, in China's eyes, a further attack.

Wednesday, thousands of Vietnamese soldiers and vehicles carrying weapons, ammunition and fuel jammed the main road northward from Hanoi to the provincial capital of Lang Son, 12 miles (19 kilometers) from the Chinese border, according to Japanese and French newsmen taken to the scene. The Vietnamese included large numbers of regular troops, the newsmen reported, and were hauling captured American 105mm artillery toward the battlefield.

At the same time, Vietnamese civilian refugees were pouring south to escape the fighting. Lang Son, a town of

46,000 people, was largely deserted except for soldiers and government officials. The sound of Vietnamese 130mm artillery, dug in south of Lang Son, could be heard firing at the Chinese entrenched nearby, while Chinese guns shelled the Vietnamese.

Information of the fighting itself remained sketchy, but Hong Kong analysts said the Chinese appeared to have resumed their offensive along the two main fronts they had already opened, the two railroad lines that run from the Yunnan and Kwangsi borders to Hanoi.

The rail lines, paralleled by highways, follow the only passes through the rugged jungle-covered mountain area that forms the frontier. The Chinese also have launched attacks in a number of other places along the 500-mile (800-kilometer) border, but these are said to have been modest and more aimed at tying down Vietnamese troops than making gains.

The Chinese forces, estimated at more than 100,000 men, had paused Monday, leading to speculation they might be stopping their advance or that they had been halted by stiffened Vietnamese resistance. But it now seems the Chinese needed time to resupply and shift some units that took heavy casualties. Peking's commanders are believed to be having some trouble maneuvering large forces, perhaps because they haven't had any experience in major battles since the Korean war 25 years ago and have had only restricted military practice exercises in recent years because of China's political turbulence.

Vietnam claimed it had inflicted 2,000 more casualties on the invading Chinese Wednesday, bringing the total number of Chinese that Hanoi says its forces have killed or wounded to 7,000. Most analysts think these figures are exaggerated, though there is no doubt both sides have suffered substantial losses.

Oddly, neither Peking nor Hanoi yet have moved to break off diplomatic relations with each other.

Peking has maintained its silence about the progress of the fighting, apparently as part of an effort to play down its significance.

## Vote a defeat for administration

# Stephens College faculty OKs union

By Dan Callahan  
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The Stephens College faculty voted 65 to 60 Tuesday to be represented by the Stephens Federation of Teachers, a chapter of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO).

Representation by the SFT will give collective bargaining power to the faculty in policy-making decisions with the administration.

Bertrice Bartlett, president of the SFT said, "This election is more of a defeat for the administration than a victory for the faculty." The administration now will have to negotiate with the faculty as a whole unit, she added.

Andy Walker, social science teacher and coordinator of the election drive said, "Unionization is positive, and will be productive for the college." There will be no immediate change, but the administration will have to re-examine faculty salary, workloads and dismissal policies, he added.

Stephens President Arland Christ-Janer said the college administration will work with the new union. "The administrators and curators of Stephens College will bargain in good faith with the union," he said. The problems confronting Stephens have not changed because of the election, only the system of governance, he said.

Christ-Janer plans to hold a news conference today to discuss the new faculty representation. Eligible to vote in the election were 149 faculty, including all full-time and part-time teaching faculty, department heads and professional librarians. Only 126 eligible voters, however, cast ballots.

The election is final if no objections are filed after five working days.

The national office of the National Labor Relations Board mandated the Wednesday election in a Jan. 24 decision. The board's action settled the question of which Stephens College employees would be represented by the union.

Stephens College administrators in their appeal

to the NLRB had asked the national office to designate all full-time faculty as supervisors, thereby making them unable to unionize. The administration also sought to include department heads in the voting unit, attempting to weaken the chance for a pro-union vote.

A three-man board in NLRB's national office refused to exclude full-time faculty from the unionization vote, but allowed department heads to participate.

This is the second election at Stephens College in the last three years. In the first election, October 1976, unionization was voted down by the faculty 2 to 1.

## University election ends with 'Birthday Party'

By Kathy Brady  
and Diana Dawson  
Missourian staff writers

University student government elections were a piece of cake for the winning Birthday Party candidates. The clown took home the birthday surprise.

The new Missouri Students Association President Garth Bare, a 19-year-old sophomore in engineering, avoided the political three-piece suit image and campaigned in a red, yellow and blue clown suit. His running mate, 22-year-old sociology major Bob Seigel, last was seen celebrating their 1,000-vote victory margin at the Columbia Billiards Center, dressed in a Columbia Billiards T-shirt, a feathered cowboy hat and turquoise jewelry that clashed with his

shoulder-length red hair.

In a campaign that has been called the most lively and imaginative in MSA history, the pair even obtained the "endorsement" of embattled Cleveland Mayor Dennis Kucinich, who wrote that the two would add "a new dementia" to student government.

Bare suggested Memorial Stadium be flooded for mock naval battles and Francis Quadrangle also be flooded and used as an ice skating rink. To make the University into a top-quality Eastern school, Bare and Seigel suggested its name be changed to the University of Rhode Island.

Kucinich wrote in a letter to the candidates, "I am certain that Garth Bare would be the candidate (See PARTY, Page 10A)

## Cattle, swine disease spreads; untested cattle may be cause

By Marilyn Cummins  
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A cattle and swine disease, which affected a federal meat inspector in Columbia last fall, is showing up in Missouri herds at an alarming rate, a veterinarian told the Missouri Cattlemen's Association in Osage Beach Tuesday.

"We are very concerned with what is happening," said the state veterinarian, Dr. Taylor Woods. "We could be in for some difficult times."

Although officials thought the disease, brucellosis, virtually had been eradicated in the state, Woods said the number of infected herds increased from 94 in August to 152 in February, a 60 percent jump. Although the infected herds are only a minute fraction of all the cattle in Missouri, Woods said the quickness of the increase "is what's got

us worried."

The meat of infected cattle is safe to eat if it is cooked. But packing house employees and inspectors run the risk of infection if their eyes, noses or any open skin cuts come in contact with infected tissue.

The Columbia inspector who contracted undulant fever, the human form of the disease, may have been infected when the gall bladder of an animal carrying the disease ruptured and sprayed bile into his eyes, said Mike Sanford, Columbia director of health services.

Woods said he believes the disease, which causes abortion in cows and swine and ruins the value of breeding herds, has come from untested cattle transported illegally into the state from the south.

He attributed the spread of the disease to recent high cattle prices,

demand for feeder cattle in Northern states and laxness on the part of some cattlemen in watching for the contagious bacterial disease.

Most of the infected herds are in Cass, Bates and Vernon counties south of Kansas City and in the Missouri Bootheel. Missouri has been known as a "clean" state but may lose that designation, Woods said.

In the 1940s and 1950s, there were as many as 10,000 infected herds in Missouri, said Dr. Jim Badger, a state epidemiologist. There is no cure for Bang's disease, as farmers call it, but there is a vaccine available. The disease is detected through blood tests.

Woods asked the cattlemen to help control the disease by buying only tested cattle and cooperating with state and federal authorities in their attempts to eradicate the disease.

## Inside today

George Washington was born 247 years ago today. He not only was the first president, but also a man beset with family problems and doubts about his career. Read about the personal side of Washington's life in People, Page 5A.

## In town today

9 a.m. Boone County Court meets, fifth floor, County-City Building.  
7:30 p.m. Rock Bridge High School Band concert, gymnasium.  
7:30 p.m. "Vanities," Stephens College Playhouse Theater, \$3, students and senior citizens \$1.50.  
7:30 p.m. "The Comedy of Errors," University Studio Theater, 30 cents.